

FORM ACF-202 – TANF CASELOAD REDUCTION REPORT

State: <u>Alabama</u>		Fiscal Year to which credit applies: 2008
Overall Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Two-parent Report <input type="checkbox"/> (check one)	Apply the overall credit to the two-parent participation rate? <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
<p>PART 1 –Eligibility Changes Made Since FY 2005 (Complete this section for EACH change)</p> <p>1. Name of eligibility change: Earned Income Disregard</p> <p>2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 7/1/06</p> <p>3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior policy provided that earned income (timely and accurately reported by the client) would be disregarded as follows: 1st 3 months – 100% of earnings disregarded ; followed by six months disregard at 50% of earnings. Changed to six months at 100%. Certain cases in the 50% period were converted to the new 100% disregard for the remainder of the originally set period not to exceed 100% disregard for six months.</p> <p>4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change (attach supporting materials to this form): No impact for the current fiscal year as the “change” did not take affect until 10/06 for cases given the “new” disregard.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Example: July August September October November December</p> <p style="margin-left: 80px;"> 1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>July – September: Disregard is the same as prior policy.</p> <p>October – December: New months of disregard (identified from JOBS statistics).</p> <p>For all new earners, the benefit of the change in policy occurs/begins in the 4th month. The methodology will count new earners each month and delay the impact of the number of affected cases until the fourth, fifth and sixth months of disregard. Therefore, the maximum number of months considered per case is 3, which represents the change.</p>		
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: 2,795		

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-compliance with JOBS – Recipients
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 8/1/06
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior policy: 3rd incidence of non-compliance lasting more than three months resulted in 25% reduction of payment for the assistance unit size for three months followed by a six-month disqualification. New policy: 3rd incidence of non-compliance results in an immediate 12-month disqualification.
4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The number of recipients will be identified by termination reason code in the State's automated system (FACETS). Those numbers will then be used beginning six months later for six months, i.e., the negative effect of the change begins with month 7 and the duration is six months.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -145

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-cooperation with Child Support - Recipients
 2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 8/1/06
 3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior policy: 3rd incidence of non-cooperation lasting more than three months resulted in 25% reduction of payment for the assistance unit size for three months followed by a six-month disqualification. New policy: 3rd incidence of non-cooperation results in an immediate 12-month disqualification.

 4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The number of recipients will be identified by termination reason code in the State's automated system (FACETS). Those numbers will then be used beginning six months later for six months, i.e., the negative effect of the change begins with month 7 and the duration is six months.
5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -32

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-cooperation with CS – Applicants
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 8/1/06
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior Policy: Award with benefit reduction followed by disqualification dependent on number of months of non-cooperation. New policy – deny the application. Ineligible for application period. Maximum of two months.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The number of applicants denied will be identified by denial reason code entered into the State’s automated system (FACETS). The number of applicants each month will be counted for two months.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -5

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1. Name of eligibility change: Non-compliance with JOBS - Applicants
2. Implementation date of eligibility change: 8/1/06
3. Description of policy, including the change from prior policy: Prior policy: None New policy – deny the application. Ineligible for application period. Maximum of two months.

4. Description of the methodology used to calculate the estimated impact of this eligibility change: (attach supporting materials to this form) The number of applicants denied will be identified by denial reason code entered into the State’s automated system (FACETS). The number of applicants each month will be counted for two months.

5. Estimated average monthly impact of this eligibility change on caseload in comparison year: -3

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PART 2 – Estimate of Caseload Reduction Credit

(Complete Part 2 using Excel Workbook provided.)

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PART 3 -- Certification

I certify that we have provided the public an appropriate opportunity to comment on the estimates and methodology used to complete this report and considered those comments in completing it. Further, I certify that this report incorporates all reductions in the caseload resulting from State eligibility changes and changes in Federal requirements since Fiscal Year 2005.

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